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In re Application of:

Wojciech K. Slusarek, et al

IMAGING ELEMENT CONTAINING A
BLOCKED PHOTOGRAPHICALLY USEFUL
COMPOUND

Serial No. US 09/475,703

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Sir:

Group Art Unit: 1752

Examiner: Thorl Chea

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Date

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114

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| (a) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Previously submitted |
| (i) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on October 2, 2001 |
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| (iv) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other |

2. Miscellaneous

(a) Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) of a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months: Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

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Fees

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Eastman Kodak Company Deposit Account No. 05-0225.

A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

4.

RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e)
Extension of time fee (37 CFR § 1.136 and 1.117)

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to further examination and responsive to the Final

Rejection mailed October 18, 2001, please amend the above-identified application
without prejudice as follows.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 11, 13 and 42 as follows:

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-- 1. (Thrice amended) A photographic or photothermographic
imaging element comprising an imaging layer having associated therewith a
compound of Structure I:

